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**Subject: MBTA Red Line Winter Resiliency Infrastructure Improvements**

Dear Mayor Koch,

The MBTA continues to make improvements to the Red Line in order to provide more reliable service during the winter months. Commencing this summer, the MBTA will undertake a significant maintenance and construction effort along the Red Line Braintree and Ashmont branches south of Andrew Station.

**The work will include the following:**

- Replacement of all third rail and associated rail heating system
- Track and tie renewal between Savin Hill and Fields Corner stations
- Signal trough and conduit installation between North Quincy and Braintree stations
- Track renewal at Quincy Center, Quincy Adams and Braintree stations

Most work will take place during weekends between the hours of 2:30 a.m. Saturday and 1:00 a.m. Sunday. During the MBTA's operating hours, Red Line service in the work zones will be temporarily replaced by shuttle bus service. Red Line customers will be alerted in advance of the shuttle bus replacement service through a variety of methods, such as station signage and announcements, T-alerts, and website landing page displays. In addition, media advisories will be distributed to local publications and flyers circulated to community groups.

**Red Line winter resiliency improvements are scheduled for the following weekends:**

- September 10-11
- September 24-25
- October 1-2
- October 8-9
- October 15-16
- October 22-23
- December 3-4
- December 10-11
- December 17-18

If necessary, construction work may extend into weekends in the spring of 2017.

The construction zone will be generally limited to the existing Red Line track area. However, there may be some short-term lane closures on adjacent roadways during the aforementioned periods and, perhaps, some evenings to support the weekend construction activities.

We don't anticipate that this project will result in significant disruptions or adverse impacts to abutters. The construction work will be completed using equipment similar to that used during routine overnight MBTA Red Line maintenance work. The proposed work is not expected to exceed the normal noise levels experienced along the corridor.

For any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the Project Manager, Erik Scheier. [escheier@mbta.com](mailto:escheier@mbta.com)

Sincerely,



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